

Road Construction Updates

July 6-17, 2011: Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks



Plan carefully to maximize your fun and minimize your delays during your visit to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. We appreciate your patience during ongoing road construction projects. Our construction season is short, and the work is necessary for everyone's safety.

How Can You Minimize Delays?

- Give yourself plenty of time to visit.
- Stop by one of our visitor centers, and ask a ranger to help you plan your visit.
- Visit our park website for major road construction updates: <http://www.nps.gov/seki>.
- Call the National Park Service at 559-565-3341 during business hours.

Where are the Biggest Delays or Inconveniences?

If you plan to enter or exit Sequoia National Park, you will find 20-minute to 1-hour delays between the Hwy. 198 entrance to Sequoia National Park and the Giant Forest (11 miles in the park). The General Sherman Tree, the largest giant sequoia tree in the world, is located in Giant Forest. You may encounter additional 5-15 minute delays for other road projects in both parks with occasional temporary road, parking, and campground closures.

How Can I Avoid the Biggest Delays/Closures and See the Big Trees?

Schedule Your Visit Carefully!

Pass Through the Construction Zone at Certain Times: Give yourself 1-1/2 hours to get to Giant Forest/Lodgepole/General Sherman Tree from the entrance to Sequoia National Park at Hwy. 198.

On Mondays-Fridays, from July 5-8 and July 11-15: Traffic can only pass through the construction zone every hour on the hour at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., etc. until 5 p.m. (7/15 - Road construction ends at 2:30 p.m.)

From Tuesday, July 5 - Friday, July 8 AND Sunday, July 10 - Friday, July 15: Between 9 p.m. each evening through 6 a.m. each following morning, traffic may only pass thru the construction zone at 11:30 p.m.

On Weekends/Times Not Listed: 20-minute delays max, traffic signals

RVs AND TRAILERS: The main road (Generals Highway) to the General Sherman Tree/Giant Forest/Lodgepole is closed to vehicles longer than 22 feet shortly after the Sequoia National Park entrance. Longer vehicles should access Kings Canyon National Park/Hwy 180.

MOTORCYCLES AND BICYCLES: Road project work may cause slick, oily, and hazardous road conditions. Slow down and be safe!

